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*Committee on Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine whether additional firewalls are needed to protect Congressional oversight staff from retaliatory criminal referrals, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Volkswagen’s Emissions Cheating Settlement: Questions Concerning ZEV Program Implementation”, 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “American Compassion in India: Government Obstacles”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Step or Stumble: The Obama Administration’s Pivot to Asia”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining Decades of Data Manipulation at the United States Geological Survey”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, joint hearing entitled “The Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Scorecard 3.0: Measuring Agencies’ Implementation”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5143, the “Transparent Insurance Standards Act of 2016”, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 6 through December 9, 2016

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the message of the House to accompany H.R. 34, Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act (the legislative vehicle for 21st Century Cures Act), post-cloture.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services:* December 6, to hold hearings to examine emerging United States defense challenges and worldwide threats, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* December 7, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine assessing the security of our critical surface transportation infrastructure, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* December 6, business meeting to consider H.R. 1150, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to improve the ability of the United States to advance religious freedom globally through enhanced diplomacy, training, counterterrorism, and foreign assistance efforts, and through stronger and more flexible political responses to religious freedom violations and violent extremism worldwide, H.R. 2845, to promote access to benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, H.R. 4481, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the goal of all children in school and learning as an objective of the United States foreign assistance policy, H.R. 4939, to increase engagement with the governments of the Caribbean region, the Caribbean diaspora community in the United States, and the private sector and civil society in both the United States and the Caribbean, S. Res. 537, expressing profound concern about the ongoing political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, urging the release of political prisoners, and calling for respect of constitutional and democratic processes, S. Res. 535, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the trafficking of illicit fentanyl into the United States from Mexico and China, an original bill to provide for the approval of the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, an original concurrent resolution honoring in praise and remembrance the extraordinary life, steady leadership, and remarkable, 70-year reign of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, S. Con. Res. 30, expressing concern over the disappearance of David Sneddon, protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro (Treaty Doc. 114–12), and the nomination of Kamala Shirin Lakhdhir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, and lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine defeating the Iranian threat network, focusing on options for countering Iranian proxies, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

December 8, Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development, to hold hearings to examine State Department and United States Agency for International Development management challenges and opportunities for the next administration, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* December 7, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of the Interior's Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations, four years later, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Judiciary:* December 6, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine whether additional firewalls are needed to protect Congressional oversight staff from retaliatory criminal referrals, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

December 7, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the competitive impact of the AT&T-Time Warner transaction, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* December 6, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

December 7, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* December 7, Full Committee, hearing entitled "1890 Land-Grant Institutions: Recruitment Challenges and Scholarship Opportunities", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* December 7, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "California National Guard Bonus Repayment Issue", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

December 8, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight Review of the U.S. Navy's Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Program", 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* December 7, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Waste and Duplication in the USDA Catfish Inspection Program", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

December 8, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Mixed Martial Arts: Issues and Perspectives", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* December 7, Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade, hearing entitled "Unconventional Monetary Policy", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

December 8, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "The Impact of Regulations on Short-Term Financing", 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* December 7, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled "Corruption: A Danger to Democracy in Europe and Eurasia", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* December 7, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Costs of Overclassification on Transparency and Security", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 7, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "Time and Attendance Abuse at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 8, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "DATA Act Implementation Check-In", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* December 7, Full Committee, hearing on S. 612, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse", 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* December 7, Full Committee, markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; and possible other matters cleared for consideration, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* December 7, to receive a briefing on Baltic security after the Warsaw NATO summit, 2 p.m., 340, Cannon Building.